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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-17-58

WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed during the first three and last two days of the week, but temperatures were near normal during the remaining two days. Average temperatures were about 10° above normal. The highest temperature reported was 95° at Butte on the 15th. There was much sunshine, humidity was generally low, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Corn and sorghum grain harvest made good progress last week. Corn picking has started in all parts of the state and is close to the halfway mark in several eastern, central and south central counties. For the state as a whole, nearly one-fourth of the corn crop was picked by the end of last week. A year ago, only 6 percent of the crop was picked at this date. Progress of picking irrigated corn was just a step behind the dry-land crop.

Sorghum harvest was extremely rapid with close to half of the acreage combined by last Saturday. A number of counties in the central and south central districts have reached the three-quarters mark. The fast harvest this year is a marked contrast with last year when very little of the crop was harvested due to excessive lodging and high moisture content. Soybean harvest has passed the three-quarters mark and was virtually complete in the north-eastern section. Harvest of the late potato crop and sugar beets was nearing completion in the western counties.

Moisture content of harvested grain was reported at about 19 percent for corn, 16 percent for milo, and 13 percent for soybeans. Quality of these crops is good to excellent.

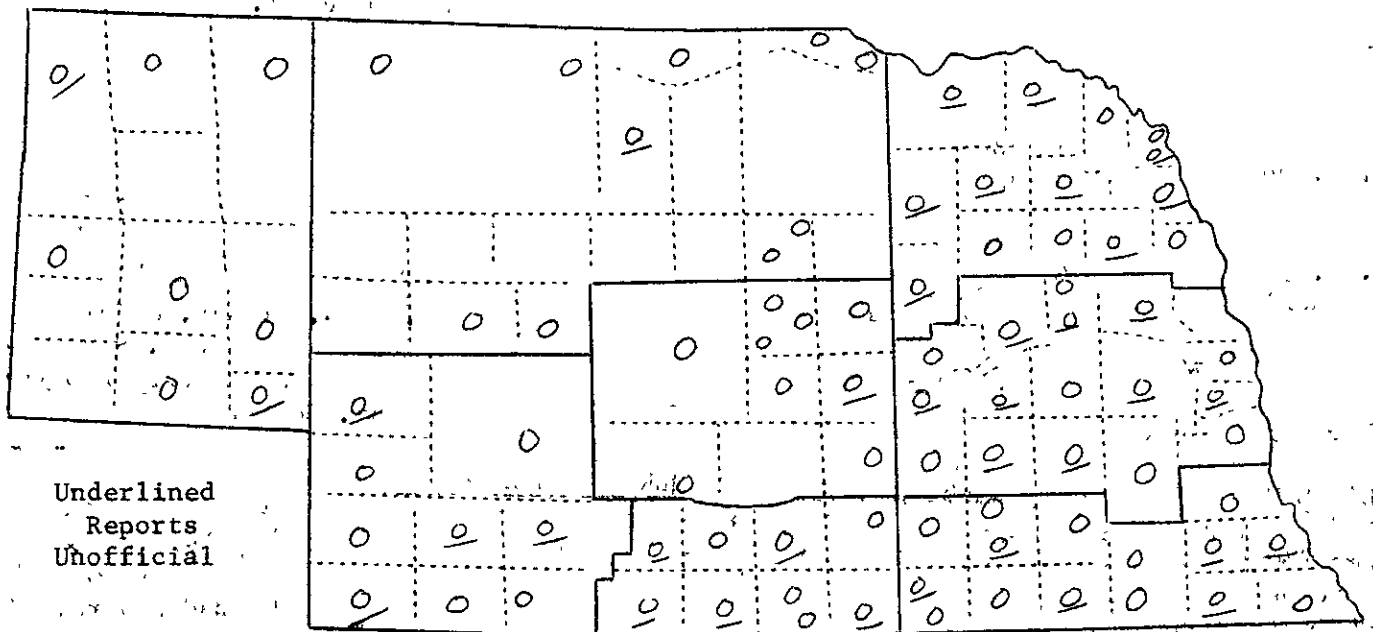
Continued dry weather further lowered the condition of pastures and ranges. Cured grass is dry and brittle, increasing danger from fire. Over a fourth of the counties now report short pasture feed supplies. Winter wheat condition varies considerably. The crop in the southern counties is still in good condition though some late seedings are spotted. Prospects are only fair to poor in the central and some northern counties where rainfall has been far below normal since seeding time. Nearly all counties report a shortage of surface soil moisture and over half of the counties report a lack of subsoil moisture.

LIVESTOCK Feed grain and hay supplies are ample to abundant throughout the state. Livestock feeding is on a larger scale than last year. The feeder cattle movement continues heavy. Demand is strong for all kinds and classes of livestock.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		October		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	88	38	85	38	89	42	73	29	74	42	90	61	--	50		
	Scottsbluff	86	44	83	39	87	44	69	35	74	32	85	47	83	44		
	Sidney	85	44	82	42	89	42	66	32	70	32	84	45	82	44		
NC	Burwell	89	46	91	43	92	43	74	34	71	37	85	50	87	46		
	Valentine	93	42	88	44	93	43	71	36	69	36	89	57	91	50		
NE	Norfolk	85	54	87	45	90	46	73	37	67	32	79	58	85	61		
	Sioux City	83	55	89	49	90	53	72	40	67	38	75	54	86	60		
Gen	Grand Island	83	51	87	49	88	49	78	36	71	42	79	53	85	58		
EC	Lincoln	80	59	84	57	85	60	80	47	72	44	77	60	83	65		
	Omaha	77	59	82	55	84	55	77	44	68	43	72	55	78	61		
SW	Imperial	86	42	86	42	88	38	77	36	73	38	87	43	85	41		
	North Platte	86	38	88	40	88	36	72	34	72	36	84	43	86	43		

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